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1. In early July 1950, 80,000 Communist troops arrived in Canton, and more are still arriving,* including the 43 and 40 Armies and units of the 41, 42, 44 and 45 Armies. Some troops have left for a northern destination and others are scheduled to leave shortly. On 1 July the Canton office of the Kwangtung Railway Administration was ordered to concentrate six engines and some freight-passenger cars at the south station, Canton.
2. Units of the 4 Field Army stationed in Peihai (109-05, 21-24) were replaced by troops of the East Military Sub-District, formerly part of the Kwangtung-Kwangsi Column, now commanded by MU Ch'iang (解 强). On 2 July the Independent 1 and 2 Field Artillery Regiments, 4 Field Army, arrived in Canton from Chihkan (112-36, 22-20). On 3 July 5,000 troops of the 117 Division, 40 Army,** after completing reorganization at Foshan (113-08, 23-02) arrived in Canton, and left the same day for Hankow by rail. The 3 Field Artillery Regiment, recently combined with the 5 Detachment of the 43 Army, arrived in Canton and is awaiting orders to proceed north. On 4 July 5,000 men of the 178 Division, 52 Army*** returned from the Leichou Peninsula and were billeted in the east suburb of Canton.
3. On 2 July, 600 cases of rifle ammunition and 100 cases of 60 mm ammunition were shipped from Canton to Shihchi (113-22, 22-31), Chungshan.
4. Most of the gasoline in Canton was shipped north. Among Canton stocks was gasoline stored in the warehouse of the former Chungshan Petroleum Company, Honanwei, Canton, and in Tungshan Warehouse in the eastern Canton suburb.

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Comment.

the 52 Army comprises the 154, 155 and 156 Divisions. The 178 Division is under the 60 Army, 1 Field Army.

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